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SUBJECT: NATO STUDY OF MILITARY SPECIALIZATION

1. GENERAL BOWMAN OF USNATO MET JULY 17 WITH SENIOR
DUTCH MILITARY OFFICERS TO ASCERTAIN DUTCH THINKING RE
NATO STUDY OF MILITARY SPECIALIZATION AGREED UPON AT
RECENT DPC MINISTERIAL. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION DUTCH
MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) STUDY HAD NOT BEEN PROPOSED
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BY THEM AS MEANS OF JUSTIFYING REDUCED DUTCH DEFENSE

EFFORT, OR AS VEHICLE FOR RELIEVING DUTCH OF NUCLEAR
ROLE; (B) MAIN DUTCH OBJECTIVE IS TO OBTAIN MORE VALUE
FOR THEIR DEFENSE MONEY; (C) BY DECEMBER DPC MINISTERIAL,
STUDY SHOULD MAKE SOME DEGREE OF CONCRETE PROGRESS TOWARD
ALLOCATING MILITARY MISSIONS IN THE CENTRAL REGION,
AND (D) THE DUTCH WILL DEFINITELY PROVIDE A REPLACEMENT
AIRCRAFT FOR THE F-140, BUT HOPE THE SPECIALIZATION STUDY
WILL HELP TO RATIONALIZE THEIR CHOICE.

2. DUTCH ACKNOWLEDGED INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEIR
DEFENSE WHITE PAPER AND NATO SPECIALIZATION STUDY, AND
SAID THAT FORMER MIGHT NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL EARLY IN 1974.
THEY MADE CLEAR THEIR HOPE THAT MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WHOSE
FORCES PARTICIPATE IN DEFENSE OF CENTRAL REGION WILL BE
ABLE TO WORK CLOSELY ON SPECIALIZATION STUDY AND THAT
THEY HAVE NO PRIDE OF AUTHORSHIP AS FAR AS PARTICULAR
APPROACHES ARE CONCERNED OR FIXED IDEAS RE OUTCOME OF
STUDY. THEY EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT STUDY MUST PRODUCE
CONCRETE RESULTS WHICH DUTCH GOVERNMENT CAN POINT TO IN
PARLIAMENT AND IN PUBLIC AS SHOWING THAT NATO RECOGNIZES
NEED FOR MAKING MORE EFFICIENT THE DEFENSE EFFORTS OF
MEMBER GOVERNMENTS.
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